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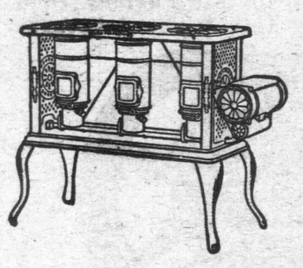

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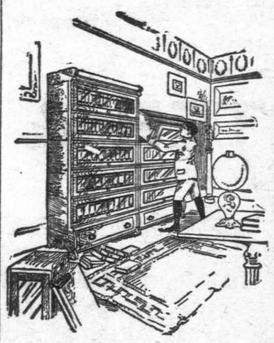

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NEW POSTOFFICE ORDER

Says Newspaper Subscribers Not Paid Up Cannot Be Served

Subscribers to newspapers as well as publishers, will be interested in a new ruling which has just been promulgated by the Postoffice Department. It will be found in the December number of the Postal Guide as order No. 901.

The order is specific and means that the publishers of daily newspapers will be obliged to cut off subscribers three months in arrears, and that the publishers of weekly papers will be obliged to take similar action against all subscribers one year in arrears.

If this is not done, the right of the publication to pass through the mails as second class matter will be questioned. If this right is denied after investigation, the publication in question may only be mailed at the transient second-class postage rates of one cent for each four ounces or fractions thereof, which would virtually bar it from the mails. The new ruling is a drastic one and will be far-reaching in its effect upon the country publishers, who have been accustomed to extend credit to subscribers.

Instructions to postmaster, received from the department, are not to question expired subscriptions prior to April 1 next, in order that publishers may be given every reasonable opportunity to adjust their business to the conditions.

This is only fair, as publishers who show good faith and that they are making progress should have such an opportunity. The purpose of the new law is to correct real abuses and not to place in the hands of postmasters an instrument which to annoy and vex publishers whose practices are legitimate and normal.

In order that we may comply with the new ruling of the Postoffice Department, notice of which is given above, we urgently request all our patrons who are one year or more in arrears for subscriptions to settle the same at their earliest convenience. Under the new ruling we will be obliged to discontinue sending papers to those of our patrons who are more than one year in arrears. We trust our friends will bear this in mind and settle the amount they owe us at an early date. You can know the amount of your arrearages by referring to the address label on your paper.

NEW ELECTION RULES

The New Castle county Republican mittee on Saturday announced the following rules to govern the primary election of the party to be held on April 4th:

The Board of Election Officers to consist of one inspector and two judges at each voting place, The two judges may act as clerks.

"Notice of the time and place for holding the election shall be given by publishing the same once each day for three days before the time of holding the same.

The time for opening the polls shall be 4 o'clock in the afternoon and the time for closing the polls shall be 6 o'clock in the evening.

"Where there is no contest the time for opening and closing of the polls may be determined and established by the committee in the hundred or ward in which such condition prevails.

"That the ballots used shall be printed by this committee.

"The name of all candidates for the same office shall be placed under the title of said office, the surname of candidates to be placed in alphabetical order. Where there are several candidates for the nomination for the same office, the elector shall indicate his choice by crossing out the names of all the candidates except those he desires to vote, and in case an elector has omitted to cross out the names on his ballot as aforesaid, the said ballot shall not be counted for any such candidate or candidates.

"Any person desiring to be voted for as a candidate for any office shall notify the chairman or secretary of the Republican county committee in writing of such desire at least ten days before the primary election is to be held. The said ballots shall be printed and ready for distribution at least five days before the day of holding the primary election.

"The qualification of electors under this primary election shall be the same as of the past usages of the Republican party."

THE AMERICAN POLISH CLUB

The annual meeting of the American Polish Club was held January 2d, 1908, in conjunction with the Meriden Poultry Association's annual exhibition at Meriden, Conn., and was a great success. The quantity and quality of the birds shown was the greatest in the history of the organization, representatives of all the different breeds being on exhibition. President Charles L. Seely was on deck, and in a very large class of W. B. Blacks broke all records, winning five firsts and four seconds, making the most points in a single class of any exhibitor in the entire show. Walter B. Sherry, the veteran exhibitor, won the magnificent silver cup for general display by Cyril Crimmins, although Secretary Caldwell gave him a very close rub with a display of exceptionally fine birds. The Connecticut State Cup was captured by Gough's Poultry Yards. W. B. Atherton of Boston, acted as judge and gave great satisfaction. President Seely presided at the meeting, the event of which was the visit of the Hon. Thos. L. Reilly, Mayor of Meriden, who made a speech of welcome and congratulation. A club emblem was arranged for, and officers were elected for the ensuing year.

It was voted to hold the next annual meeting at Boston during the Boston show, season 1908 09.

The club catalogue for 1908 is now ready for distribution, and will be mailed to anyone interested upon receipt of a two cent stamp sent to

M. V. CALDWELL,
Sec'y-Treas. American Polish Club,
Route No. 5, Lisbon, Ohio.

HOUSEHOLD LETTER

One of the most noticeable things here is the rapidity with which women acquire the knack of appearing thoroughly modish and up-to-date in their dress. The costume that Mrs. A. wears with just the right air after a short sojourn here may be exactly the same in which she looked conspicuously suburban on her arrival. In nine cases out of ten the change in her appearance has been wrought by means of what are called the "small things" in her toilet. Her boots, gloves and veil, her modish purse and shopping bag, all the finishing touches that make the difference between modishness and dowdiness. The clever stranger within our gates has been quick to recognize that much of the proverbial smartness of the well dressed New York woman is due to the perfection of her accessories. Better a simple tailormade with handsome gloves of just the right shade, footwear that fits to perfection without unnecessary tightness and harmonizes perfectly with the toilet, than the most elaborate get up that lacks in these important details.

The Demand for Leather

The whole world is under tribute to supply leather for fashionable accoutrements, and the tanners art has become of greater importance than ever. In addition to the immense amount of leather used for shoes, gloves, bags, trunks, belts and innumerable small trimmings, the automobile has immensely increased the demand. For the fittings of the car nothing else is so satisfactory while the man who "chauffs" if not the one who rides is "all clotned in leather" with or without the fur on it.

New Footwear

Never was the dressing of a woman's foot of more importance than at this season when the universal use of short skirts for all walking purposes puts the foot so much in evidence. Where formerly the "Foot beneath the petticoat" "Peeped in and out," it is now on view all the time, and its dressing makes or mars the effect of any costume. Fancy shoes are the rule rather than the exception if we include the useful and popular tan shades in this category. Odd vamps and uppers are a growing style. Even in low cut shoes one sees this wrinkle and quite as often as not the colors vary as well as the materials. The most desirable of the new leathers is Chrome tanned glazed kid, which is a glossy soft leather, nearly as brilliant as patent leather but with none of the latter's tendency to split in cold or to torture the foot in warm weather. Made of goat skin, the toughest hide known to the tanner, the Chrome tanned glazed kid is unusually durable as well as attractive, and is made up in all the best styles of the season at the same price as other leathers.

Matching Accessories

New York women are making quite a fad of matching accessories. Shoes, belt, gloves and shopping bag all in the same color, often all in exactly the same leather except the gloves which are of kid or dogskin. The easiest and most expensive way to acquire these is to give an order for the set, but most women prefer to buy, say the shoes and match up the other things at various shops. Shoes by the way are are not quite as sharply pointed this Spring and glazed leathers are more in demand than suede or dull finishes, though in white shoes great use is to be made of canvas the coming season.

Glove Wrinkles

Long gloves are as much used as ever. Maize, in lovely soft tones, a mauve or lilac more pink than last season, Copenhagen blues in all shadings and greens from Reseda to myrtle. Whites and blacks are not as much worn in contrast with costumes as formerly though of course very much used with black or white toilets. The woman who knows how to dress better than her friends at smaller cost, buys the best in gloves knowing that in the long run she not only appears to greater advantage but saves money by selecting her gloves with care. "To be well booted and well gloved is to be well dressed" as the French say and they know what they are talking about in this matter surely.

Shopping and Traveling Bags

Very flat and decidedly large are the fashionable shopping bags with few exceptions, and travelling hand luggage is built on a similar plan. Strange to say capacity is not sacrificed to this general flatness of effect, for bags great and small, are built with ingeniously contrived side gores that allow them to expand to meet demands for extra space. Glazed leathers are rather more liked than those with "buffed" or dull finishes and this choice is a sensible one since the glazed surfaces shed soil and wear better than the suede finishings.

Belts and Buckles

Belts of narrow leather that harmonize with the prevailing color of the costume or with its trimmings are modish and very many of these have metal slides or stationary ornaments of various forms. Glove kid belts made in girdle forms and elaborate with steel and gilt studdings continue costly and fashionable though no longer a novelty. Buckles finished in white and in colored enamels are used both with leather and fabric belts, and metallized gimp continue popular. Cretonne belts, hats and parasols are to be a fad of the coming Summer.

ELEANOR FRANCES.

TO RE-DISTRICT SCHOOLS

The State school superintendents are beginning a campaign to re-district the school districts of all three counties, for this reason, it is said that all school building enterprises have been or will be temporarily stopped until a commission or delegation can arrange to do the re-districting. Superintendent J. D. Brooks, of Sussex county, is particularly interested in this matter as the school districts that now exist were laid off forty years ago and do not in any way meet the present conditions, particularly in districts where certain sections have built up or grown and developed, leaving the school building in the woods.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

To keep the house free from infection, says Dr. Kate Lindsay, every room should be well aired daily, and the sleeping and living rooms so located that the sun will shine into them for at least a part of the day. Hard wood or varnished floors with rugs, which can be taken up and shaken frequently, are better than carpets. Night and day fresh air should flow freely into the rooms and the foul air out. This does not mean cold rooms, although overheating should be avoided.

All bedding and clothing should be aired and sunned out of doors at least once a week; bedrooms have windows left open day and night, and the bedclothes turned back over foot of bed, so that it can air all day long if possible. The neat housewife may regret that her bedrooms are not as artistically nice looking, with sheets and blankets turned back over the foot frame as if made up, and bedding tucked in and covered with lace spread and pillow shams, either sensibly or insensibly.

For cuts or angle worms in house plants a drop or two of ammonia in the water, or put a few pieces of tobacco leaves in the dirt.

The prettiest curtains imaginable may be made from unbleached cotton or muslin. They may be simply feather stitched or cat stitched at the hems, or if you have time buy some plain colored gingham and cut a pretty conventional design from it and stitch it on the curtain at the bottom. A design of geraniums in bright red gingham would be effective, especially if a pretty red tablecloth is spread on the table when it is not in use.

Blue silk which has faded may be restored to natural color by dipping in alum water.

After windows, mirrors, and, in fact, any glass, even cut glass, have been washed a most beautiful polish can be obtained by rubbing with tissue paper. Save all the tissue paper that comes into the house and use it for this purpose.

When a musty odor is perceptible in a room place some charcoal in a dish or hang it up in a little bag of net or cheesecloth. This will purify the air and absorb odors.

People who use the eyes much in reading, writing, sewing, etc., will rest the organs of visions by lifting the eyes every ten minutes or so, and gazing at some distant object.

Black dresses can be much freshened by sponging with alcohol mixed with water in the quantities of one part of alcohol to three of water. The garments should be sponged on the right side and then pressed on the wrong side.

When any frying operation is finished, remember to draw the pan of fat to one side of the stove at once, to prevent it from burning. When it is somewhat cooler, strain the fat through a sieve into the basin in which it is usually kept, so that it will be ready for use again.

To improve your ironing rub flatirons with beeswax and salt. Tie the wax in cloth and apply this briskly to the iron while hot; afterward rub it in a paper containing salt, and the irons will pass far more smoothly over the clothes.

To say that the use of cold cream as a face cleaner makes the hair grow is an exploded fallacy, says a noted skin specialist. "There is no reason to leave the cream on the face overnight. Five minutes is plenty of time. Then rub it off with a soft cloth and wash in warm water, using a dash of cold before drying. This method keeps the skin smooth and clean without enlarging the pores and cultivating blackheads, nor does it make the face delicate for winter winds.

"If grease made the hair grow so easily as some people believe, would there be any baldheaded men or would women use so much false hair? Think about that and all your fears will be set at rest."

It is well to keep every bill, paid or not, for an indefinite period. One never knows when mistakes may occur or when dishonesty may be attempted. The steel bill files are all very well, though they are not remarkable for their neatness or order, but a better way is to use a large scrap book and paste the bills in alphabetical order, according to the names of those by whom they are preferred therein. If possible, it would be well to prepare the leaves like those of an address book, so that it would be easy to find any bill at any time. Of course this is only a cheaper homemade substitute for a regular letter file, which is the very best thing for the purpose.

After oiling a sewing machine it not infrequently happens that a drop of oil which has not been absorbed stains the material which is being stitched. To remove the mark a lather made with soap, cold water and a tablespoonful of ammonia will usually prove successful, but in the case of colored linens and cottons the ammonia should be employed cautiously, as it is apt to fade the color.

NINETEEN OUGHT 8

AN OLD MAID'S LEAP YEAR REVERIE

I draw my chair beside the gr8,
And dreamily I medit8
Upon my present st8,
I wonder if relentless f8
Ordains for me a loving m8—
Such dreams have haunted me of l8.
This year, which I would celebr8,
Is leap year, but its precious fr8
Of lawful days to fascin8
Decreases at a rapid r8,
Oh, happy youths, who need not w8
And try to be a tempting b8
To catch the fish that pass your g8!
You need not condescend to pr8
That you would not reciproc8
Should loving hopes our hearts infl8
And cause us to appreci8
One fitful privilege of d8.
We really do not contempl8,
Confessing what 'tis woman's tr8
To keep, nor even deser8,
For this no man could compens8,
But do not joke and agriv8
Our feelings in this tender st8,
If you, our chance would exterp8,
Just speak the opposite of b8
And we will gladly pay the fr8
If with you we can m8
In nineteen hundred 8.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14th, 1908.

THE arrival of the Atlantic fleet at Magdelena Bay, Southern California, without accident and four days ahead of schedule time is the occasion of the utmost gratification to the President and the naval authorities in Washington. This is the longest cruse so large a fleet ever undertook in the world's history and its satisfactory completion is properly the occasion of gratification. Admiral Evans has sent an official report to the Navy Department and the President has caused to be sent a telegram of congratulation to the brave Admiral who, in spite of great physical afflictions, has so ably commanded the great fleet on its long voyage. Incidentally the forecasters of evil who were so certain the fleet would come to grief in Magellan Straits will have to think up some other dire ending for the flower of the navy.

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The submarine boat scandal in the House is assuming unfortunate proportions. Not only has Representative Lilley made a startling statement of the improper influence exerted by submarine boat company, but Representative Hobson, formerly Lieutenant of the Navy, has testified that when he first came to Congress a representative of the company, who had been his classmate at Annapolis, called him up over the telephone, after first writing him several letters to which he paid no attention, and assured him he would, if desired, secure Hobson's appointment by Speaker Cannon on the committee on Naval Affairs. Mr. Hobson told him he did not desire submarine boat influence and secured the appointment without assistance on the recommendation of the Democratic leader, Mr. Williams. The committee which Mr. Cannon has appointed to investigate this affair does not seem to be too anxious to develop the facts but with a few more witnesses like Hobson they will come out whether or no.

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Senator Carter is also endeavoring to secure an investigation in the Senate of the so-called Bieber land scandal, whereby one Sidney Bieber, the special protege and friend of Speaker Cannon, secured legislation calculated to secure to Bieber title to about twenty acres of land on the river front in this city, along that section of the Anacostia River on which Congress has already expended $300,000 for improvements and on which it is planned to spend probably $3,000,000 altogether.

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Had it not been for the suspicion aroused in the mind of Secretary Taft by this legislation, Bieber's title would now be irrevocable, but Mr. Taft managed to delay action and Mr. Carter laid bare the facts in the Senate which immediately led that body to pass a repealing act. What the action of the House will be cannot yet be foretold, although there is obvious effort to hush the whole matter up, while Bieber is relying on the fact that the Pennsylvania railway called the facts to the attention of Mr. Carter to becloud the issue. He is trying to make it appear that Mr. Carter is acting in the interest of the railway, an effort which is little likely to prove successful. Bieber is a local politician of some fame and has recently been engaged in trying to capture the District delegates for Mr. Cannon. A few years ago, through the kind offices of Mr. Cannon, Bieber was given a life pension of $90 a month.

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The Brownsville affair seems finally about to come to a close. The Senate committee on Military Affairs has made its reports. One declares the negroes incent of the shooting. This was signed by Senator Foraker alone. Another, signed by Messrs. Foraker, Bulkeley, Scott and Hemenway, declares that the guilt of the negroes was not proven. The committee report, signed by 11 of the 13 members of the committee, declares that the guilt of the negroes was proven, that the bullets could only have been fired from guns issued to the troops of the 25th Infantry, that there was no evidence in support of the claim that the shooting was done by others, etc. The Republican members of the committee have prepared a bill authorizing the President to restore to the army any member of the 25th Infantry who can prove his innocence, this being in accordance with the request made in a special message which the President has sent to the Senate on the subject.

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The President has directed the Commissioner of Corporations, Herbert Knox Smith, to make a thorough investigation to ascertain if the federal government can by law prevent stock gambling and the selling of futures in grain and produce, and if so by what means. It is expected that this investigation will take some time, but the President hopes that Mr. Smith will be able to draft a measure, the passage of which he can recommend to Congress in his annual message, next December. He is anxious that the work be done most thoroughly so that the bill will stand the test of the courts and may not be so drastic or impracticable as to become a dead letter.

TO PUT UP SIGN BOARDS

County Engineer Wilson sent a communication to the Levy Court, Tuesday, in which he asked that signs be placed at intersections of roads, giving directions and distances to the important points, especially on the new county roads. The authority was given.

Mr. Hopkins expressed the appreciation of the members for the dinner given by the county constables last Tuesday.

Joseph C. Jolls, Register in Chancery, reported collections of $321.35, and was awarded his commission of 10 per cent., amounting to $32.13.

The court gave permission to Lewis Ector to install a set of wagon scales along the line of the county road at Elsmere. Vernon Mellot was granted permission to place a sewer below the road ditch in Elsmere.

Commissioner Brown, on behalf of the commissioners, presented President McFarlin with a handsome St. Patrick's Day souvenir in the way of a candy box.

GUMPTION ON THE FARM

A three-foot gap can make useless three-miles of good fence.

Just hold on to yourself till the land is dry enough to work without being lumpy.

There are fewer red noses among farmers than among any other class of people on earth.

Keep out of the stock market; it is filled with snares and pitfalls and is no place for an honest man.

Steer clear of store debts. They are mortgages on the future, drawing compound interest.

Don't think you can carry the world on your shoulders. Give the rest of the folks a chance to lift with you.

These are the days of the spring auction. Make up your mind not to buy anything you do not need, and stick to it like a dog to a root.

Now mind this: Make two sowings of clover seed, one now and one early in April. Use half red, other half alsike. Do not miss the alsike.

Many a man who strongly objects to pumping water for a half-dozen cows, thinks nothing of sitting around for half a day pumping his neighbors.

Look around a little and see if you can not get some better oats than your own for seed. A change is often one of the most profitable things possible.

The frost has been working all winter to throw the grass roots up out of the ground. Beat him at that game by getting out the roller and going over the fields before they become hard and dry.

You cannot do much at fixing fences till the frost is out of the ground; but be on hand as soon as that time comes. A little later you may have more than you can do without fixing fences.

If you will first roll then harrow your newly-planned land as soon as you can, you will find that you will save a lot of time and hard work. The soil breaks far easier than if it is left till it gets dry and hard.

WHAT ABOUT A COOK-STOVE

Now that summer time and "dog-days" are just ahead, everybody who "summers" at home, is considering how to simplify things and get the most comfort out of an uncomfortable situation.

We interview the ice-man; order thin clothes; plan to ease up here and relax there; but more than likely forget the one most important item in the whole hot-weather scheme—some means of doing the family cooking without the insufferable heat of a coal fire in the kitchen.

Everyone with experience knows how tiresome it is to stay in a stuffy room to prepare a meal, let alone the doing of a big baking. But everyone doesn't know how very easy it is to change a hot kitchen to a cool one, and do better cooking at the same time. Just add to your list of summer conveniences a New Perfection Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove and you've done all that any one can do to lessen hot weather discomfort.

Wouldn't it be fine of a summer morning to step in the kitchen, put on the kettle, broil the steak, bake the muffins, filter the coffee and give the breakfast call in one-fourth the time you'd take to do it all on a coal stove?

And wouldn't it be fine to be as cool when the breakfast was prepared as when you first entered the kitchen?

People who have tried it say that the New Perfection Oil Stove actually does everything in the line of cooking and domestic service without overheating the room or the worker.

Undoubtedly the reason is to be found in the blue flame principle on which the stove works.

A cylindrical chimney concentrates the heat at the stove top and in this way prevents surface radiation as in a coal or wood stove.

It is easy to see that this lessens very much the matter of personal discomfort in summer housekeeping.

So don't forget the New Perfection Oil Stove in your summer plans and you will have a comfortable kitchen and the best cook-stove in the world.

THE TRANSCRIPT, $1 per year.

TEST YOUR SEED CORN

Indications are that much of the corn intended for seed this spring is of low vitality. A late planting season, followed by a wet fall, did not allow corn to mature properly last year. Seed which was not injured by heating or moulding soon after husking has been damaged to considerable extent by the severe freezing weather of mid-winter. Only seed which was carefully selected and thoroughly dried early in the fall can be relied on to give average germination. Even where seed has been given the best attention it is a good practice to test every ear before planting, as no one can determine positively by inspection which ears will not grow. Since one ear plants so many hills, about 1-12 acre, it is important to have every ear furnish strong seed.

Tests made at the Delaware Experiment Station this season show that corn brought in by farmers has not tested over 60 per cent. vitality, and some much less.

The testing of seed is a simple operation, and for the time and effort expended is by far the most important piece of work that can be done on the farm at this season of the year.

After selecting the ears from which you wish to plant, lay them out in rows on a table, platform, or on the floor. At the butt of each ear inscribe a number on the floor, using chalk or a pencil. Number the ears consecutively from 1 to the last. From near the tip, middle and butt of each ear remove three or four kernels, ten in all from each ear. Now take a shallow box 3 or four feet square and about 3 or 4 inches deep, and in it place about 2 inches of sand or old sawdust. Moisten it down well. Then over this spread a white muslin cloth, cut to fit, which has been marked off into 2 inch rquares with a lead pencil. The squares are numbered in order from 1 in the upper left hand corner to the last square in the lower right hand corner. If one is to test a large quantity of seed at one time, several boxes should be used.

Now place the kernels on the squares. Those from ear No. 1 on square No. 1, until the box is filled. Over the kernels place a cloth on which sprinkle ½ inch of sand. Moisten thoroughly and place the box in a room where the temperature does not fall below 70°. In four or five days most of the kernels will have sprouted, and in a week those which have not germinated may be considered dead. Care should be taken not to disarrange the kernels on their respective squares when the upper cloth is removed. If the kernels on a certain square, say No. 14, fail to sprout, go to the seed ears and pick out No. 14 and throw it in the feed bin. If only one or two kernels in a square fail to germinate, the ear from which they came should not be used for seed. By this method of testing it is possible for the grower to be reasonably sure that his seed corn will grow. No farmer can afford to plant seed corn of questionable vitality.

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The small ways in which patriotism may be shown seldom attract attention. A soldier attacks the enemy of his country and we call the soldier a patriot. But it is patriotic also to cut down the weeds on your back lot. The soldier gives his life in a day, but the scientist who gives his life in a generation is also patriotic.

Two kinds of citizens are in every town, patriots and traitors. There is no middle ground of neutrality. Every man is in one or the other camp. The patriot does his full duty to the community, votes, expresses his opinion, takes part in meetings for civic good, beare cheerfully his portion of the community's work. The traitor lets the other fellow do the work and reaps benefit by the other fellow's patriotism. Treason consists of levying war against the republic—so says the foundation law—or giving aid and comfort to her enemies. He gives aid and comfort to the public enemies who do not assist in making better the community in which he dwells. He is himself a public enemy.

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IF I ONLY HAD CAPITAL

The above words were recently uttered in our hearing by a worthy boy and undoubtedly they are often reiterated by many who are out of employment or have little or nothing to do. To all such we say, you have home capital, you have hands, feet, bone, muscle, health and are not these capital? What more capital has God given anybody? "But if I only had a few thousands in cash capital," says the young man. But these are better than cash capital, for no one can take them from you, and with these you can earn cash.

Our men of wealth and influence did not start with any cash capital. They went to work with their plow, the hoe, the jack plane or ax, and in time their capital brought them a rich harvest. Ah! but there's the rub; you don't want to work. You want money on credit so you can play the gentleman, speculate and end your career by playing vagabond. You want to marry a rich girl to support, you while you wear fine clothes, smoke cigars and be a gentleman of leisure.

Shame on you, young man! Go to work with the capital you have and you will soon make interest enough upon it to give you as much money as you need. If you cannot make money upon what capital you have, you could not if you had a larger amount in cash. If you waste your present capital you would waste money if you had it. So don't stand around, a great helpless fellow, waiting for something to turn up, but go to work. Take the first work you can get to do and do it well. Always do your best, and if you manage your capital that God has given you, well, you will soon have plenty more to manage.

The world would be happier if people were a little more generous with their praise. There is too much flattery but a word of just appreciation would cheer the heart and strengthen the hands of many a discouraged worker in the home, in the school, in the church, and in the world.

CONFERENCE MEETS

Methodists in Annual Session At Asbury Church Wilmington

With a majority of the ministers answering roll call and large numbers of visitors filling Asbury Church, the fortieth annual meeting of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference began its session in Wilmington Wednesday morning with Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell presiding.

Among the first matters taken up by the conference were the charges prefered against Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, which were referred to committee of fifteen. The committee heard testimony throughout the afternoon and evening.

Oganization was affected by the election of old officers, as follows:

Rev. W. A. Wise, of Centreville, Md., was elected conference secretary for the fourth year. He named as his assistants Revs. W. R. Mowbray, L. E. Poole aad W. E. Greenfield.

Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield was elected statistical secretary for the fourth year. He named as his assistants Revs. J. L. Johnson, H. B. Kelso, G. S. Thomas, Milton McCann, W. E. Gunby, J. M. Kelso, J. H. Geohegan, A. W. Goodhand, F. X. Moore, G. R. Ellis, J. A. Brewington, J. R. Bickling, W. H. Briggs, E. A. Gillespie, C. P. Keen.

Rev. Henry G. Budd, of Crisfield, Md., was elected conference treasurer for the seventh year. He named as his assistants Revs. J. M. Arters, J. W. Prettyman, G. C. Williams, T. R VanDyke, V. E. Hills, J. G. Richardson, E. B. Taylor, C. L. Jones, J. K. Easley.

Cecil Republican Primaries

Henry M. McCullough, Lewis T. Logan, George M. Evans, and Jerome E. Brumfield, Republican State Central Committee for Cecil County; Samuel H. King, I. D. Davis and D. H. McCauley, County Committee, have issued a call for Republican primaries to be held in Cecil County on Saturday, April 11th, from 3 to 7 P. M., to choose delegates to a convention to be held at Elkton on April 13th to choose delegates to State and Congressional Conventions.

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DELAWARE CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Appointments of the Wilmington District, Delaware Conference M. E. Church as made by Bishop Earl Cranston at Zoar church, Philadelphia, March 19, 1908:

Presiding Elder,	W. F. Cotton.
Barclay, Md.,	A. W. Lowber.
Catlin, Md.,	M. W. Clark.
Cheswold, Del.,	Solomon Hammon.
Crumpton, Md.,	J. K. Adams.
Delaware City, Del.,	T. B. H. Coleman.
Dover, Del.,	E. H. Webb.
Dover Ct., Del.,	S. W. Waters.
Galena, Md.,	J. W. Jefferson.
Marydel, Md.,	W. H. Turner
Middletown, Del.,	J. U. King.
Millington, Md.,	A. J. Wallace.
New Castle, Del.,	G. B. Coleman.
Newport, Del.,	W. E. Hilton.
Odessa, Del.,	O. P. Dickerson.
Port Deposit, Md.,	I. H. Johnson.
Sassafras, Md.,	J. M. Whittington.
Smyrna, Del.,	W. H. Johns.
Townsend, Del.,	J. L. Davis.
Wilmington, Del.—	
Ezion	J. E. A. Johns
Haven	E. O. Parker.
Mt. Joy	W. J. L. Huges.

Rev. J. H. Nutter, whose term expiaed by reason of the times. limit of six years, goes to St. Daniels, Chester, one of the best appointments in the Conference. His work on the district for the past six years shows great progress on the District along all lines, his work and chararter being most highly commended by the preachers and laiy of the District:

This year's report shows:

Charges and pastors the past year. 23; Churches, 46, increase over last year, 3; Parsonages, 19, increase over last year, 3; Members, 2614, decrease 25; Probationers, 298, increase 57; Conversions, 311, increase 5; Accession's 335, increase 145; Sunday School, 42, increase 2; Classes for Religious Instruction, 19, increase 3; Epworth League Chapters, 25, increase 4; Junior Leagues, 14, increase 2; Ladie's Aid Societies, 26, increase 6; Conference Collections, $2,025.

Rev. J. H. Scott, goes from Chester, St. Daniels in Zoar, Philadelphia, taking the place of Rev. W. F. Cotton, who becomes the Presiding Elder in place of Rev. J. H. Nutter. The other Presiding Elders were all reappointed.

Resolutions

Resolutions of commendation of Rev. J. H. Nutter, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, Delaware Conference M. E. Church:

WHEREAS, The Rev. J. H. Nutter has served the Wilmington District for nearly six years as Presiding Elder and according to the law of the Church his term expires at the ensuing annual conference, and he can not longer serve this District in this capacity, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers of this the Wilmington District, recognize in the Rev. J. H. Nutter, Presiding Elder of the District, a most capable and painstaking executive officer who knows the law of the Church and wisely administers it.

Resolved, Second, That we have been greatly and favorably impressed with his brotherliness and efficiency, his able and practical sermons, and his wholesome instructions in the Quarterly Conferences, Preachers' Meetings, Conventions and other gatherings, as well as in his visitations from house to house, and we hereby register our appreciation of his manly and christian character, and his worth as an official and a christian minister.

Resolved, Third, That both the ministry and laity do sincerely regret that this district must lose his faithful and impartial services as Presiding Elder.

Resolved, Fourth, That we commend the Rev. J. H. Nutter, our esteemed Presiding Elder to the Bishop and his cabinet as worthy of any appointment or honors within the gift of the conference.

Resolved, Fifth, That he has our best wishes and sincere prayers that God may guide and bless him and his family with success and happiness in whatever field of labor to which he may be appointed or called, and that he may live many years to serve God and work for the salvation of mankind in the Methodist Episcopal Church which he loves so dearly and in which he labors so loyally and faithfully.

Signed by the following ministers of the district:

J. H. B. Hubbard,	O. P. Dickerson,
Jos. E. A. Johns,	J. C. Banton,
Wm. J. L. Hughes,	G. B. Coleman,
I. H. Johnson,	J. K. Adams,
J. U. King,	J. L. Davis,
W. D. Johns,	W. T. Purnell,
W. C. Jason,	A. W. Lowber,
M. W. Clark,	G. T. Fields,
F. J. Lee.	

TOWNSEND

Fresh oysters every day at H. GILL'S.

Mrs. John Parvis is very ill with appendicitis.

Miss Mary Todd is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. James Lee, of near Clayton, spent Tuesday with her parents here.

Mrs. F. C. West, of Wilmington, is the guest of Benjamin West and family.

B. G. Lockerman, of Washington, D. C., has been visiting his family here.

Mrs. W. A. Scott and Mrs. L. L. Maloney spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Winfield Lattomus is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jennie Wilson, in Philadelphia.

Miss Emma Carpenter, of Odessa, was an over Sunday visitor with Miss Mary Money.

Mrs. Alice Larrimore, of Annapolis, Md., is visiting her parents, Samuel Watts and wife.

Walter Finley and wife, of Philadelphia, were over Sunday visitors with relatives here.

Rev. F. C. MacSorley and family entertained Harry Bonham, of Wilmington, over Sunday.

The Misses Ethel, Anna and Bessie Denny, of Middletown, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. W. H. Reynolds and children are visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Beauchamp, in Greensboro.

Miss Mary Money had as her guests over Sunday, Miss Elsie Addlehelm and Mr. Harry Scott, of Roxborough, Pa.

Misses Anna Jones and Lulu Ratledge, students of West Chester State Normal School, are home for ten days' vacation.

Horace VanDyke, wife and children, of Smyrna, and Ralph VanDyke, wife and daughter, of near Odessa, spent Sunday with their parents, George W. VanDyke and wife.

awaken an interest in, and to promote a healthy spirit relating to, arboriculture, and to stimulate the co-operation of the citizens of this State in the conservation of the remnants of our forests and the protection of our birds,

I, Preston Lea, Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby designate the twenty seventh day of March, A. D. 1908 as

ARBOR AND BIRD DAY;

and do recommend that this day be observed by all citizens who love trees and birds, and especially by public and private schools, Colleges and other Institutions, by planting trees on, and adornment of, school grounds, public and private parks, highways and waste-places, and by suitable exercises, having for their object the advancement of the study of arboriculture and the protection of our birds and trees and the cultivation of an appreciative sentiment concerning them.

In testimony whereof, I, Preston Lea, Governor of the State of Delaware, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed, [SEAL] at Dover, this the twelfth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and the year of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-second.

By the Governor,
PRESTON LEA.

JOSEPH L. CAHALL,
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REGISTER'S ORDER.

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Mar. 3, 1908.

Upon the application of Ellen Bradley Administratrix of Emily Whitlock late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administratrix aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein ten times.

Given under the hand and seal of [Seal] office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Third day of March A. D. 1908, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to said Administratrix, on or before the Third day of March, 1909, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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The tie is one of our regular 25c ties. These we are selling for a few days for 19c. They come in all desirable shades; some are plain colors, others are the new spring crossbar effect. They are the new knit ties which are being worn so much just now. Price 19c, postage prepaid.

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Two weeks ago we advertised womec's linen collars at a reduced price. These met with such success that we have decided to sell these ties at a price that will allow everyone who bought a collar—and thoso who did not as well—to get one at a big reduction.

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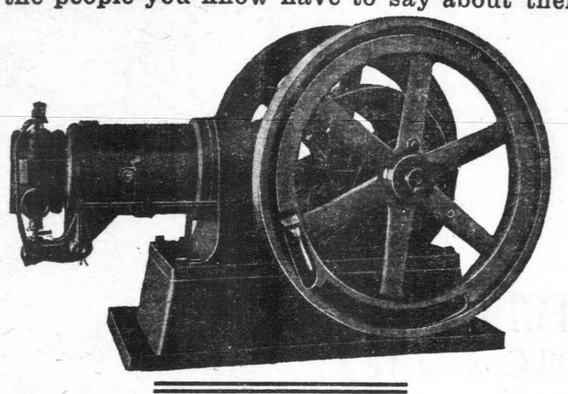

St. Georges, Del., Dec. 30th, 1907.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son.
Middletown, Delaware.

Gentlemen:—The 3 horse-power Olds gasoline engine I bought of you three years ago, is giving me perfect satisfaction, and should I at any time need more power, I would get another of the same, but larger. The one I have pumps all the water, shells all the corn, grinds all the feed, separates the milk, churns the cream, runs the washing machine, grinds the sausage, and in fact takes the place of a man, and is always ready. Of the many gasoline engines, I think the Olds the simplest and easiest to operate, as it has the least working parts to get out of order. I enstalled mine myself; have not needed anybody to look after it, have not needed any repairs, and do not notice any wear in three years' use. It is a labor saver. For raising water a wind engine is a back number compared with an Olds gasoline engine. You don't have to wait 'till the wind blows with the latter, and it can be used for various purposes. A trial will convince anyone that they are second to none. Yours respectfully,

GEO. D. CROSSLAND.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 28th, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son,
Middletown, Del.

Dear Sirs—Yours of the 16th received, asking me to say what I think of the Olds gasoline engine I bought of you. In reply will say it has given me satisfaction, and is all that you claim for it. I bought it for a 3½-horse-power, and it is full power. You asked me to mention how much the repairs have cost since I bought it. I have bought one spark plug which cost $1.25. This is all I have paid for repairs, and have been using the engine over two years.

E. W. MANLOVE.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 1st, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son,
Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—The Olds gasoline engine purchased from you last spring, is doing me very excellent work. I have used it for most everything on the farm that an engine can be used for. I find it most simple and easy to run, and keep in order, and think it the strongest machine of the kind I ever saw, and the horse power is all that is claimed for it; in fact, some of the tests I have given it, demonstrated full six horse power if not more. While I had some little trouble at first, it was no fault of the engine; the whole matter being in the battery. I put on a new battery and have since had no trouble, and the machine has cost me nothing for repairs and is always ready for use.

Respectfully Yours,
JOHN P. COCHRAN, JR.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 26th, 1907.

J F. McWhorter & Son.

Gentlemen:—I have used the 7-horse-power Olds gasoline engine bought of you for nearly two years, and have found it perfectly satisfactery in every particular; plenty of power and always ready to run. I have had experience with several other makes, but with none like the Olds. Yours truly,

J. C. GREEN.

St. Georges, Del., Jan. 5th, 1908.

My Dear Sirs:—It has been but a very short time since I become acquainted with the Olds gasoline engine. Before buying I was advised by several to make my investment in the Olds engine for several reasons, and since I have used it find it the best in many ways. It is the leas complicated and the easiest adjusted of any other engine on the market. Easy to start and willing to go. I find it a help saver in many ways. I pump the water for my stock, do my churning, grind my feed, shell corn, all with perfect satisfaction, and expect to make it do many other things as soon as I can arrange for them. I also think it is more powerful than the power they claim for it. I don't know how I ever got along without it, and surely will not be without one again as long as I am on the farm. Yours very respectfully,

JAMES B. MOORE.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 31st, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gents:—In reply to your letter asking me what I have to say about the Olds engine I bought of you. Will say I cannot say too much for this engine. It suits me to perfection. I have not had any trouble with it in any way since I bought it, I bought it for 8-horse-power, and am sure it is full power. Now that I have used it I would not know how to get along without it. It is a good investment. J. CO GILL ALSTON.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 30th, 1907.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gents:— have been using the Olds gas engine you sold me on June 11th, with perfect satisfaction. It is simple, easy to run, and has not cost me one cent for repairs during the 7 months it has been in use, and for the use we have for it (ice cream making,) it is a model engine.

Respectfully yours,
W. B. KATES.

Port Penn, Del., Dec. 27th, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gentlemen:— can say that the Olds gasoline engine, is all that they claim for it. My engine is an 8-horse-power, and has been running a little over four years. My work is mostly grinding feed. The repairs have cost me six or eight dollars, most of which has been my own carelessness. My batteries have never been refilled.

Yours truly, R. H. KEEN.

Cecilton, Md., Dec. 23d, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gentlemen:—In reply to your letter, I would say: The Olds engine that I have been using for nearly 3 years, has given me good satisfaction. It is a good strong machine, and easy to operate. I have done good work with it, and I cannot speak too high in its favor.

Respectfully, J. T. MANLOVE.

Warwick, Md., January 22d, 1908.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son,
Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—Having used the Olds engine for over a year, I am glad to say that it has more than come up to the recommendation you gave it. Am useing it for grinding, shelling corn, sawing and practically doing all the heavy work in an up-to-date wheelwright and blacksmith shop. I have no hesitancy in saying that no shop or farm is complete without an Olds engine. While I have but a 3½ horse power, it at times develops at least 5 horse. It is very simple and easy to run, and cost for repairs practically nothing, having cost me but 30 cents during the year, aside from batteries, I consider it the greatest investment I have made lately.

Respectfully,
A. R. MERRITT.

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Sale of Ladies' Winter Shirtwaists

We have a large line of ladies' winter shirtwaists which we wish to close out during this month. Among these are Madras with stripes, plain Madras and lined black and white Mohair shirtwaists. In order to sell all these waists we will close them out at exactly half their price. We sold them for $1.50 and many are worth more but they will now be sold for 75c.

FINE MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS With Detachable Cuffs

We have on hand 30 dozen men's shirts in all colors and sizes. We bought this lot of shirts at a great bargain and we will give the public the benefit of our purchase. The shirts range in value from a dollar to forty-five cents but we will sell them at 35c or 3 for $1.

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Local News

Pictures of the late Bishop Coleman can be had at MONRO'S.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain 75c cash Satisfaction guaranteed.
J. C. GREEN.

Popular sheet music at 18c. New selections will be in April 1st.
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FOR SALE.—Good hay, both mixed and straight timothy. Apply to
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NOTICE TO FARMERS.—We contract in Delaware and Maryland for the best Wire Fence made. See us before buying and be convinced.
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High-grade dental service. Examination and estimate, free. Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown. 'Phone 18.

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Wall Paper—a large stock to select from at MRS. G. W. PETERSON'S.

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FOR SALE.—1000 chestnut posts. Apply to L. L. WILLIAMS,
St. Augustine,
Cecil Co., Md.

A number of the young people gave a dance in the New Century Club room last Friday evening.

If you need a spring walking hat we have them ready now. Our Millinery opening will be announced later.
A. FOGEL.

Mr. E. S. Jones has placed a large porch in front of his residence on Crawford street, which is a decided improvement to his property.

Go to H. R. Wilson, the up-to-date cigar and tobacco dealer and try the famous Lipshultz 44 5c. cigar, Blunt & Londers. Use your judgment and be convinced.

Just received new pearl paintings and a large stock of picture frames. Bring your pictures and have them framed while you wait. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

At the meeting of the Century Club last Tuesday, Mrs. R. R. Cochran read an interesting paper on "American Colleges; Miss Julia Lockwood, a paper on "American Art, and Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker, a paper of Sunshine Work.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 12th: Mrs. Abbie VanDyke, Mrs. Estela Wanamaker, Master Willie Cantwell, Mr. Gucker Vown, Mr. Elwood Wilson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beasten Wednesday, a daughter. A glance at Mr. Beasten's face as he came down town much earlier than usual, told the story. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Before placing your order for lumber in either small quantities or car load lots, call and let me quote prices.
H. C. JONES,
Middletown, Del.

The TRANSCRIPT readers are doubtless aware by this time that if a newspaper allows a subscriber to be one year in arrears on a subscription, hereafter, the publisher will be fined by the postal authorities. We hope our subscribers will remit at once on all subscriptions over that time.

Now on storage in our ware-houses at Bear and Middletown, Del., fertilizers for all Spring crops. Send along your teams for any goods you may need. Prompt attention. Orders for LIME promptly shipped. Your patronage is solicited.
JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

He told his 12-year-old son to milk the cows, feed the horses, slop the pigs, hunt up the eggs, feed the calves, catch the colt and put him in the stable, cut some wood, split the kindlings, stir the cream, pump fresh water in the creamery after supper, and be sure to study his lessons before he went to bed. Then he went to the farmers' club to discuss the question "How to keep the boys on the farm."

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE OR RENT.—Store, house and dwelling at Summit Bridge, Del.; possession given March 25. Apply to Samuel Alrich, Glasgow; Del., or Geo. W. Ingram, Middletown, Del.

I have secured the services of an up-to-date upholsterer for a short time only If you are wanting anything in this line, call at once. W. J. WILSON.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son have the agency for the "Olds" gasoline engines, and their ad. appears in this issue. If you are thinking of buying one, read the testimonials of those who are using the "Olds," in their ad. You know them, and what they say about the engines wonderful work, can be relied upon as absolutely true.

Two young men who registered at the Middletown Hotel last Saturday under the name of Dulin, caused some excitement in our town about 7.30 o'clock, by shooting at Mr. Corbit Vinyard, who had ordered them to make a hasty retreat from his livery stable, where they had become very abusive. After firing the revolver they ran their horse through town and made their escape. They are supposed to be residents of Millington, Md., and should be arrested and punished for this offence.

A DREAM ALMOST ENDS FATAL

Horace Harman a Well-Known Miller Cuts His Throat

While dreaming that a crowd was after him to kill him, Horace I. Harman, aged 32 years, of near Townsend, cut his own throat about two o'clock Sunday morning, during his sleep, to save himself, as he thought, from a violent death at the hands of a mob. He was found lying alongside of his bed in an unconscious condition by his wife. Dr. T. A. Enos, of Townsend, was called, and after working over Mr. Harman for several hours, succeeded in reviving him, and he is now on the road to recovery. Mr. Harman is a miller, and lives about one mile north of Townsend. He is prominent and well-known in this section where he has spent most of his life. He is married and has four children. The facts in connection wi h the attempt upon his life were told by Mr. Harman himself, as well as he could remember them, after he was revived. He could remember the vivid dream about the mob and of his resolve to kill himself before letting the crowd get him. While all the details were not clear to him, it is evident that Mr. Harman got up out of bed while still asleep and secured his penknife. Sitting on the side of the bed he slashed his throat on both sides. After cutting his throat, he fell off the side of the bed to the floor. His five year old son was sleeping in the same bed with his father, but knew nothing about the affair until he was awakened by his mother. Mrs. Harman happened to awake during the night and going into the room occupied by her husband, was horrified by what she saw. There was blood all over the bed covers and lying on the floor in a pool of blood, with his throat cut almost from ear to ear, she found her husband. Dr. Enos found Mr. Harman nearly at death's door when he arrived, from the loss of blood. It was necessary to take five stitches on one side of the throat and three on the other. He is now much improved and will recover.

TOWN OF ODESSA WILL BE "DRY"

Remonstrances Against Granting of License For Both Hotels

Odessa, the pretty little town three miles from Middletown, and in "wet" territory, will be "dry" for several days in June because the two hotel proprietors there, J. Harry Massey and Calvin P. Stidham, have failed to comply with the law requiring a certain number of signitures by freeholders to be appended to their license applications. Both Mr. Massey and Mr. Stidham had filed their applications for the license privilege at the present term of court, their license expiring on June 12th, but not until after the applications had been filed did either know that one man who had signed the petitions for license was not a freeholder. Meanwhile the Law and Order Society had filed remonstrances against each place. That against Mr. Massey charged him with the mere technical violation of the law, but that against Mr. Stidham not only charged him to this effect, but also accused him with conducting an undesirable place. In court Saturday Mr. Stidham withdrew his application, thus disposing of the remonstrance against him for the time being. J. Frank Biggs, counsel for Stidham, informed the court, however, that his client would apply for a license at the June term. Mr. Massey withdrew his applications several days ago, and like Mr. Stidham, will also apply for a license at the June term. The fact that licenses are not granted until the latter part of the term to which the application is made, will make Odessa "dry" for at least several days after June 12th.

TWO WEDDINGS AT BLACKBIRD

BLACKBIRD, March 17th.—Two weddings of much social interest to Blackbird Hundred have been announced. Charles W. Jones a prominent farmer of this vicinity, and Miss Anna Carey of near Townsend, were quietly married at the bride's home Wednesday evening, March 11th, by Rev. F. C. MacSorley. Another marriage of much interest also took place Saturday evening, March 14th, Mr. John Lockerman of near Walkers School House and Miss Ada DeVenish of near Smyrna. They were quietly married at the Smyrna parsonage by Rev. Albert Chandler. The latter made Rev. Chandler's 62d marriage since he has been pastor of Smyrna Circuit.

FARMERS ORGANIZE GRANGE

Millington, March the 17th.—Marion Dawson, deputy organizer of granges, organized a Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry at Millington, Friday afternoon, March 6th, with the following officers: Master, J. E. Spear; Overseer, G W. Jones; Lecturer, Dr. C. P. Gowman; Steward, Joseph Mallalieu; Assistant Steward, Samuel G. Massey; Chaplain, E. W. Spear; Treasurer, E. L. Turner; Secretary, J. C. Turner; Gate keeper, William Naylor; Pomona, Mrs. A. H. Gowman; Flora, Mrs. C. L. Taylor; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. M. E. M. Taylor.

DEATH OF W. J. H. LINGO

After a brief illness, this well-known gentleman, formerly a resident of Middletown, where he was a contractor and builder died in the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, at noon on Tuesday, aged 74 years. Mr. Lingo had been in the hospital five weeks under treatment, and his condition gave his family strong hopes of his recovery until Sunday night, when he was taken worse, the end coming on Tuesday. He leaves a widow and eight children to mourn his death. The funeral took place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from his late residence in Philadelphia, interment being made in that city.

LETTER TO J. C. STITES

Middletown Del.

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PERSONALITIES

Mrs. G. L. Cochran was in Philadelphia last week.

Mrs. H. H. Hall spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Samuel Price was in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Miss Marion Cochran spent this week in Philadelphia.

Miss Blanche Roberts is the guest of Wilmington relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Mendenhall of Wilmington, was in town this week.

Miss Maria Nowland was in Philadelphia part of this week.

Mrs. C. J. Freeman has been visiting her parents in Philadephia.

Mr. Alfred G. Cox is in Wilmington this week attending Conference.

Miss Lillian Walker is visiting Philadelphia relatives and friends.

Mr. Joseph Walker, of Wilmington, spent Sunday at his home here.

Miss A. Lillian Solway is visiting her brother in Kennett Square, Pa.

Miss Beulah Dolson, of Wilmington, has been visiting Miss Ada Scott.

Miss Carrie Downey, of New Castle, has been visiting Miss Mary Maxwell.

Mrs. L. E. Cullen is spending conference week with her son in Wilmington.

Mrs. Laura Dutton and daughter, Miss Lena, spent this week with friends near Odessa.

Mrs. Horace C. Moore and little son have returned from a visit with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. L. G. Sterner, of Camden, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker.

Mr. Daniel Craddock, of Philadelphia, is being entertained by his uncle, Mr. W. B. Kates and family.

Mrs. Alexander Metten spent part of last week in Smyrna, the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hilton and daughter, of Spartanburg, S. C., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Beck.

Mr. Joseph Griffith, of West Chester State Normal School, spent last Sunday with his mother near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Comegys, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys.

Mr. Charles N. Dickerson, of Camden, N. J., spent Sunday with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Webb.

Miss Patton Cochran left Monday for Salisbury, N. C., where she will spend sometime with her sister, Mrs. J. Frank Plummer.

Rev. F. H. Moore on Thursday evening of last week attended the annual banquet of the Philadelphia Alumni Association of Lafayette College.

Mrs. George W. Minner has returned from the Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, where she has been for several weeks under treatment.

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Adams visited their daughter, Mrs. John A. Jolls, part of this week. Mr. Adams was on his way to Wilmington, where he is now attending Conference.

The many friends of Mr. Charles P. Cochran, whose illness was mentioned in our last issue, will be glad to learn that he has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital, and is now at his home on South Broad street.

ST. GEORGES

Herbert Hopkins was in Wilmington on Monday.

Mrs. Lee Davidson was the guest of her mother on Tuesday.

Mrs. William Aspril spent a part of last week in Newark.

Clement Cannon was in Wilmington on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. J. R. Milligan spent part of this week with Wilmington friends.

William Denny, of near Delaware City, spent Sunday with Clement Cannon.

Mr. Harman, of Wilmington, was the guest of Miss Eleanor McCoy on Saturday.

Rev. C. N. Jones attended the funeral of his father at Ridgely, Md., on Tuesday.

Clayton Riley has returned home, after an extended visit with friends in Smyrna.

Mrs. James Cannon was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. James Moore and family, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Moore spent Sunday with their son, Richard Moore and family.

Frank Peterson, of Philadelphia, is spending a part of this week with his family here.

Miss Marion Hill, of Kirkwood, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hill.

Miss Mary Cannon, of Farnhurst, spent Sunday with ker parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Calhoun at Porters.

Mrs. Marks, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mrs. J. R. Milligan, the latter part of last week.

Miss Effie White, of Clayton, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Peterson, from Friday until Monday.

Benjamin Simmons and Levi Murray, of near Newark, visited Theodore Jones and wife on Tuesday.

Master Elmer Starkey, of Newark, is spending some time with his aunt, Mrs. William Aspril and family.

Mrs. Sara Milligan, of Philadelphia, spent a part of the week with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Milligan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith entertained Mrs. William Stevens and Mr. F. U. Smith, of Millington, Md., a part of last week.

Miss Dela Martin returned to her home in Felton on Wednesday, after a visit of several weeks with her cousins Mr. and Mrs. James Cann.

A drama entitled "A Family Affair" will be given in Odd Fellows' Hall, on Saturday evening, March 28th, benefits for Y. W. C. T. U., admission 25c for adults, 15c cents for children,

The Violet Tea which was given by the Christian Endeavor in the Sunday School room of the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening last was a grand success, both socially and financially. The children deserve much praise for the good work.

SOURED MILKS

Their Relation to Old Age as Proven by Science

For generations the use of sour milk as drinks and foods has been universal. According to the geographical section curdled milks presents certain differences due to the special microbial ferments peculiar to the region, just as cheeses differ according to the places they are made. By microbial ferments is meant a class of microscopic plants which grow abundantly in milk, causes the changes noticed when milk is allowed to stand in a warm room for some hours.

With us, buttermilk and clabber have been used by a few due to the knowledge that they are good for certain digestive troubles and by many because of their agreeable tastes. The proportion of such acid milks consumed is not at all comparable to the amounts used in other countries. In Egypt "liben raib" a product made from cows or goats milk has been consumed in great quantities ever since the dawn of history. A similar food "yaourth" is very popular among the inhabitants of the Balcan peninsula. The natives of Algeria prepare a sort of "liben" which differs, however, from the Egyptian product. In European Russia "ptostokwacha" and "varenety" are most popular, while in Asiatic Russia "koumis" is the beverage among the Kerghises, Tartars and Kalmouka races, (this "koumis" is not the milk known in this country by that name). All through central and southern Africa are many races who drink these fermented milks in large quantities, particularly the Mpeseni, a black race, who live almost entirely on a clotted milk and fruit. This list of sour milk drinkers is not nearly completed, it could be extended, taking in many more sections of Europe, Asia and even including South America, but it is complete enough to show the universal use of such fermented milks.

It is usual to find merit in a practice or a custom which has been followed by generation after generation among widely separated people. Such is true of the continuous use of fermented milks, but that alone is not enough to insure their recommendation. Let us go a little further, look upon the subject from a scientific point of view.

Some few years ago a Bulgarian student made the announcement to the world that in his country of four millions of people there were very nearly four thousand centenarians. A comparison of these figures with those of our own country will show the wonderful existing conditions; we with our eighty millions of people are credited by staticians with less than five hundred who are known to be over one hundred years of age.

The above announcement concerning Bulgaria attracted the attention of European scientists, including the eminent Elie Metchnikoff, who has lately been elected head of the celebrated Pasteur Institute of Paris. These men being biologists at once began to question why the longevity of these people exceeded the natural time alloted to man. After careful paintaking work they eliminated factor after factor of custom and habit of these people which might be contributary to the extended years, at last the credit was placed upon their habitual use of sour milk in connection with a comparatively simple diet.

These deductions only brought the scientists to means of combatting old age, the question then to determine was how did these fermented milks act upon the body. After deeper study and further research it was proven beyond a doubt that these milks did not act upon the body differently than an easy assimilated food; what they did was to prevent the growth of harmful poisonous peutrafactric and allied ferments, which cause digestive troubles and a slow breaking down of our vital organs. These acid milks carry into the digestive tract harmless ferments which take the place of harmful poisonous ferments which are normally found in man, and abnormally when digestive troubles occur. Mr. Lucien Green, who has opened laboratories on East Main street, tells his own story in another column of this issue. See his ad.

CECILTON

Mr. S. W. Lusby was in Elkton last week.

C. V. Hoover is visiting his sister near Felton, Del.

O. D. Crothers, of Elkton, was in town one day last week.

Noble P. Ferguson moved to Ford's Landing last week.

Mr. Albert Shaw attended the funeral of his father in Baltimore.

Mr. Thomas Hall, of Elk Neck, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mrs. S. K. Smith, of Galena, spent last week with Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Mrs. James Stradley has moved her family into the house owned by Mr. Harry Budd.

Fred E. Hoover who has been attending the Wilmington Business School, has returned home.

William Brown, of Wilmington, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. W. H. Brown and wife.

Mr. George Padley, wife and son spent Sunday with Mr. Elwood Padley and wife, near Earleville.

Miss Bertha Coppage, of Warwick, spent several days last week with her cousin, Miss Mable Coppage.

Rev. William F. Dawson and Charles Griffith are attending the conference at Wilmington this week.

Mr. Harry Clark, wife and children, of near Earleville, were the guests of Miss Mattie Vandegrift on Sunday.

Miss Mary Anderson and friend, of Still Pond, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. R. Anderson.

Mr. J. Polk Steele and wife, of Chesapeake City, were the guests of Mr. J. T. Watts and wife on Sunday and Monday.

Miss Kathryn R. Newton and James E. Baily, of Earleville, were quietly married at the M. E. Parsonage last Wednesday evening, March 11th.

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ODESSA

I. G. Webb was a brief visitor in Philadelphia this week.

Harry Huhn, of Chester, Pa., visited his father here on Sunday.

Miss Lucy Appleton is spending sometime with friends in Earleville, Md.

Miss Martha Evans spent several days this week with relatives in Jersey City.

Frank B. Ward left last week for Chester, Pa., where he will spend sometime.

Mrs. Calvin P. Stidham, Jr., is spending this week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Frank Long, of Wilmington, spent one day last week with his parents, Theodore Long and wife.

Joseph Heldmyer has returned from Philadelphia, where he spent several days of last week.

Rev. D. J. Given left Wednesday morning for Wilmington to attend conference now in session there.

Miss Emma B. Eccles entertained on Sunday his cousin, Miss Elizabeth B. Catts, of Wilmington.

Miss Emma Wiest spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of her friend, Miss Eva Joseph, near the Levels.

Miss S. Emma Carpenter, of West Chester, is visiting her parents, James H. Carpenter and wife, near town.

Preston L. Stevens, of Wilmington, spent Sunday and Monday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Alfred Stevens.

Mrs. N. M. Daly, of New York, spent several days last week with her children at the home of Levin James and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Spicer have as their guests this week Mrs. Laura Dutton and daughter, Miss Lena, of Middletown.

Mr. John Morris, wife and son Walter, of Smyrna, were entertained on Sunday at the home of Harry Lightcap and family.

Pierson B. Stevens left last Friday for Philadelphia, where he has accepted a position on the streamer "Belle Miller."

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Smyth, of Germantown, Pa., are spending sometime at the home of their brother, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Smyth.

Misses Mary Aspril and Charlotte Jones, of West Chester State Normal School, are spending this week at the home of Miss Aspril's parents.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Pauls M. E. Church was delightfully entertained on Tuesday evening at the parsonage by Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Given.

Missionary Anniversary was observed in St. Pauls M. E. Church on Sunday evening last. Although very little preparation had been made, the program proved to be very interesting. Hon. Henry C. Conrad of Wilmington, was the speaker of the evening and all who heard him enjoyed it immensely.

WARWICK

Mrs. Earl Goldsborough is on the sick list.

Numerous fish dealers are to be seen in town.

Miss Eva Holden is spending this week on Bohemia Manor.

E. G. Lynch, of Wilmington, was in town one day last week.

Mrs. John Cunningham has returned to her home in Philadelphia.

Mr. James Kirly, of New York, is the guest of Mr. Simon H. Duryea.

Mrs. R. D. Aiken, of near Earlville, visited Warwick relatives this week.

Mr. John L. Lattomus has purchased a very pretty four year old colt from Mr. L. P. King.

Mrs. William T. Vinyard and son Jesse are spending this week near Wilmington, Del.

Preaching at the M. P. Church to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock, Rev. C. M. Cullom pastor.

Mrs D. S. Cannon and Miss Anna Maude Davis are visiting Mrs. C. R. Manlove, near town.

A. R. Merritt and wife and Miss S. Ethel Vinyard visited Mrs. U. P. Ginn, near Odessa, on Sunday.

A. R. Merritt was in Elkton on Tuesday and purchased a wheelwright and blacksmith shop, price paid being $727.

Sunday, the 29th, at 8:30 o'clock Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A. will turn out in a body and attend the M. P. Church.

FOR SALE

Farm of 416 acres, about 2 miles from Chestertown, Kent Co., Md., formerly the property of the late R. T. Cochran, Esq., who had the reputation of being one of the best judges of land on the Peninsula, now tenanted by Thomas F. Faulkner.

This farm can be bought at a fair price, as the present owners have moved away.

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MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	$ .95	Corn—	
No. 2		Yellow, shelled	60
Timothy Seed	$3.25	" cob	65
Clover Seed	$14	Oats	70

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	14@16
Country Butter, per lb	29@34
Creamery Butter, per lb	36
Lard, per lb	10½@14
Live Chickens, per lb	12@16
Potatoes	45

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$9.50 to $12.00 a Roll of 40 Yards.

You should see our prices if you want to save money.

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8½ to 19 Yards in Pieces. Marked ½ Price.

35c Matting, **18c;** 30c Matting, **15c;** 25c Matting, **12½c,** 18c Matting, **9c** a yard.

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The weather is getting warm and you will soon have to take your heavy coats off.

Our new stock of Shirt Waists is larger than ever, and we will be able to suit the most fastidious women.

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New Spring Overcoats.
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Dry Goods, Oil Cloth, Matting, etc.

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Also a lot of new musins, long-cloth, Persian lawn, India linen, etc., at a lower price than last year.

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A wood road, a golden and glorious October sapphire sky above, a fairy haze along the hill line, the swish of drifted leaves underfoot, and two girls who walked unseeing, because of the things they were saying and thinking. Lily was willowy and slim in the long brown ulster swayed by the wind; her bare blond head was set light and straight as a flower's. But who could tell Lily's thoughts?

Beside her, stocky and thick-set, Theresa trudged with heavily planted steps. Her shoulders showed square and under the gray sweater. There was that about even the back of Theresa's black bullet head that suggested power, and Theresa had made up her mind to something that afternoon.

Now and then, as she spoke, she flung out an impulsive hand and clutched Lily's arm for emphasis; but Lily did not move or turn, walking with light, lithe grace, and looking straight ahead at the wind-wipped clouds that scudded the blue above the hills. It needed no pounding of Theresa's emphatic little fist upon her arm to make her understand Theresa's meaning.

You know all the girls think the same thing, and have talked and talked about it, but of course no one has ever talked to you. You're rather dignified and distant, you know, my dear.

But when it came to a matter as big as this election for senior president, I felt as if some one must speak. It wasn't fair to you not to speak. So I undertook it, being a courageous soul. All the girls know that I'm telling you all about it to-day. I'm not exactly delegated. They're waiting to know what you'll say before—before they vote to-night. I must say, it's a pretty delicate matter to speak to a girl about her best friend—but you don't mind my going on?

Lily turned her head with a little quick smile, non committal, amused. Oh, no, you may go on, she said.

Frankly, continued Theresa, bluntly, you'd have been class president long ago if it hadn't been for Millicent Harlow.

A sharp little wince of pain touched the self-control of Lily's lips.

She's stood in your way from first to last. At first, in freshman year, we thought you couldnt be a nice girl if you had a friend like that, however fine you seemed. So we left you both alone. Then afterward we saw that you were just as lovely as you looked, and we wanted to know you; but, my dear, how could we? How could we? We simply couldn't stand Millicent, and there was no getting hold of you without Millicent. Millicent is always with you. She'd be here this minute if I hadn't carried you off bodily. So we just haven't known you, gone with you, been friends, all on account of Millicent.

Perhaps you haven't noticed, or minded, but we've minded, my dear,—here Theresa's arm went about Lily's shoulders in a sudden compelling affection that caught at Lily's heart,—and we want you now. Will you?

Not noticed! Not minded! Did any of them guess how proud Lily was? And how friendly, and how exquisitely fastidious, too? Under her bright self-sufficiency no one guessed what intensity she had longed to know them all, the girls who were really her kind, who elected her to many an important office, complimented her thus on her executive ability, looked at her, too, with frankly congenial eyes, but somehow never came any nearer, somehow elusively slipped away from any real acquaintance, any genuine friendship. Was not Lily keen-witted enough to know that for three years she had missed the best thing in college, and keen enough also to guess the reason, without Theresa's telling?

And heae at last, for her last, best, brief year at college, the class was offering her its highest honor, and with that, she knew, its friendship—on only one condition.

So far Lily had not turned upon her fiercely, as Theresa had half feared. Lily had let her go on, and Theresa felt her waver, so she thought, ever so little. With her arm still about Lily's neck, she went on:

You know we just must have the finest girl in the class for presiden. Except for Millicent, Anne Brower doesn't stand one chance against you, for you are the finest girl in the class, Lily.

The wistful paleness of Lily's lips relaxed into a sudden little laugh of pure incredulity and amusement. It was laughable, of course, but still it was sweet to hear Theresa say it. It was something for a lonely girl even to be walking with Thersa Jacobs, the most influential girl in college.

Theresa was growing quite bold now. She meant to say it all; she meant to have Lily Meyrick for senior president. But Lily was very still as she listened.

You know, Lily, what a position the senior president has in the college, socially, as well as every other way. Why, she's a part of everything. You can see how—here even Theresa, the bold, stopped for a breathing space—how it would look if you were always with a girl like Millicent, a great, uncouth, ill-bred thing like that.

The color surged to Lily's delicate face, but still she did not speak. You understand, to be very clear, concluded Theresa, we want you for senior president Lily, to represent us on all occasions—but we do not want Millicent Harlow to be made prominent thereby. And here Theresa's voice sharpened. We will not have her, either! She finished more gently: But you do understand, don't you, Lily?

Oh, yes, said Lily, I understand.

It really is very easy to break off a friendship, Theresa continued, in a brisk, matter-of-fact way. It doesn't need a quarrel or anything horrid and disgusting like that. You just stop going to the girl's room, and always have an excuse for not going with her to things, and lots of times don't see her at all. You do it all gradually, and at last it dawns upon her that you've changed, and after the rest is easy. I've done it several times.

The clouds were never more white against the blue, but Lily did not see them, for all her intent eyes.

Of course, Theresa went on, I'm not asking you to promise to give up Millicent Harlow—not exactly that. Only before the election to-night all the girls will be wanting to know how you've taken our—well, our suggestion. If before the class-meeting at eight you could do some little thing to show that you see—say—the wisdom of being less intimate with Millicent—it would be a very good thing. If, for instance, after chapel, instead of putting your arm round Millicent and trotting off to the reading room with her, as you always do, you put your arm round some of us, and trotted off with us instead, it would seem to indicate your frame of mind. Please, silent lady, you need make no promises, but am I forgiven for all I've said? There's one thing you might think of in this connection: In a choice between your friend and your class, isn't some of your duty due to your class?

I am thinking, answered Lily.

Lily, Theresa brought her hand down sharply on Lily's shoulder, how in the world did it ever happen, anyway? How in the world did a girl like you ever have anything to do with a girl like Millicent? You're so sweet, so dainty—and she! It isn't only that she's so plain and so terribly untidy,—how do you stand that awful hair? but she's ill-natured and rude. You might think, with all her physical disadvantages, she'd at least try to be polite and agreeable to people, but the outrageous things she says! Why, if she treated even you decently, it would be easier to see her absorbing all your time and preventing our ever getting at you. To think that you and she are friends! Lily, how did it ever happen?

I guess it just happened, said Lily, I've known her always, since we were very little girls.

With valiant resolution to keep itself calm during the half hour before election, the class surged out of chapel. One thing it must know before eight o'clock, and so it crowded about the chapel door waiting for Lily Meyrick, and watching her. A crowd of girls surged round her. It was so easy to encircle her and separate her from Millicent, pressing up all unwitting for her usual place by Lily's side. All about Lily were faces, before often cold, now bright with friendship. Warm hands were pressing hers; eager voices were speaking their hopes of their candidate. Theresa had given the class to understand that she had won. Her words now were light enough, but meant much.

Coming up to my room for a bit, Lily?

Resolution made Lily's face white for an instant, made icy cold the hands they were clasping, but her voice was even and sweet, eyes and lips were smiling as she said:

No, I'm going down to the reading room with Millicent. Her eyes sough the unkempt head, the ungainly shoulders that she loved. Where is she? I want her.

Instantly they had separated so Millicent stood by Lily, who put arm about about her, while her slim figure in the white-muslin gown swayed just a little as she stood there.

I hope you'll excuse me, she said to Theresa. Thank you for asking me. The words were addressed to Theresa, but were meant for all of them, also the proud uptilt of her golden head, the shining sweet defiance of her gray eyes, the resolution of her wistful lips, the proud, protecting tenderness, as she stood by Millicent. The crowd melted away silently, each girl in the class had put aside their highest honor, and she had chosen instead—Millicent Harlow!

It is etiquette that nominated candidates shall stay quietly in their rooms during an election. A little before eight Lily parted from Millicent at the reading-room door.

I don't honestly believe you'll get a dozen votes, Lil, said Millicent, with well-meant comfort.

I know I sha'n't get one, said Lily, laughing.

Oh, yes, one! cried Millicent.

Yes, one, corrected Lily, her eyes tender as they watched Millicent's awkward stride up the corridor.

In her own room Lily did not turn up the gas. She was tired, and thought she would lie down a little while. To that end, she removed Millicent's coat that sprawled on her couch. Lily dearly loved order. Millicent used Lily's room as if it had been her own, also Lily's books and Lily's note-paper and Lily's manicure set. Lily sank down, pressing her hands to her tired head.

She smiled as she looked at Millicent's coat on a chair. It looked so big and ungainly, so like its owner. Poor, dear Millicent! The other girls did not understand.

Lily knew that Millicent would go through fire for her; then a bit of a smile touched Lily's lips. It probably would never be necessary for Millicent to go through fire for her, whereas a little every-day amiability, a little pleasantness on Millicent's part would be very grateful to Lily's patient nerves.

Steps came flying down the corridor, the door burst open, in the light of the hall Millicent's face was radiant.

Theresa wanted to come but I wouldn't let her. I'd have killed any one who tried to tell you before! I did—I let them knew it, too! Anne Brower got up and made such an odd speech. I didn't understand what she meant at all. But the girls clapped. Oh, how they clapped! Then they took the vote. Lily, it's you! I never heard of such a thing in college before! Unanimous! I can't imagine how it happened, can you?

No, said Lily, humbly, I can't.

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(SEAL) Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

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